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SUBJ: GRANT BY BRITISH TRADES UNION CONGRESS FOR TRAINING
OF DURBAN TRADE UNIONISTS

1. TODAY'S PRESS REPORTS ANNOUNCEMENT BY BRITISH TRADES UNION CONGRESS OF DECISION TO GRANT R15,000 TO DURBAN-BASED INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION (IIE). ADDITIONAL R3,500 ALLOCATED TO FUND RESEARCH OFFICER POSITION AND EXPANDED LIBRARY AND OFFICE SPACE AT INSTITUTE'S BOLTON HALL LOCATION.

2. INTENDED FOR TRAINING OF BLACK SHOP STEWARDS AND COMMUNICATORS, IIE OFFICIALS ENVISAGE EXPENDING PROGRAM FUNDS ON ONE-YEAR COURSE LEADING TO DIPLOMA IN LABOR AFFAIRS. LABOR STUDIES TO COMPRISE SA HISTORY AND POLITICAL ECONOMY WITH EMPHASIS ON SHOP STEWARD LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION OF WOKERS. COMMENTING ON OBJECTIONS TO GRANT, TUC SPOKESMAN IN UK REPORTEDLY CONCEDED IIE LACKED EXPERIENCE BUT DESERVING OF THIS "TRIAL RUN".

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3. COMMENT: ANNOUNCED GRANT--IF PERMITTED BY SAG--WOULD PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED IMPETUS FOR HARD-PINCHED-FOR FUNDS IIE, OF WHICH, INCIDENTALLY, CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI IS HONORARY HEAD. BLACK LEADERS OF IIE AND CLOSELY LINKED NON-REGISTERED TRADE UNIONS ARE REPORTEDLY HIGHLY ELATED WITH THESE FIRST TANGIBLE RESULTS OF TUC'S RECENT SPECIAL MISSION TO SOUTH AFRICA ON WHOSE RECOMMENDATIONS GRANT TO ASSIST AFRICAN INDUSTRIAL BARGAINING POWER MATERIALIZED.
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